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Alexander Announces FEMA Funding for Pointe Coupee Parish

Grants Will Assist with Hurricane Damage

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, today announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide funding to Pointe Coupee Parish to assist with the costs of the restoration and repair of its electrical distribution system damaged during Hurricane Gustav.

Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corp. will receive a grant in the amount of \$1,821,326.41 for the necessary repairs to the electrical distribution system. Permanent restorations, such as the replacement of 119 poles, 365 wooden arms, 4207 linear feet of guy-wire, have been completed. Mutual Aid and private contractors performed the work and reinstated service to the community.

In addition, Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corp. will receive \$1,023,649.26 in funding to reimburse this entity for costs associated with the restoration and repair of its electrical distribution system following Hurricane Gustav. After 10,181 of their customers were without power from eight hours to five days, Pointe Coupee Electric Corp. used force account labor and equipment, and contracted with private contractors, using emergency provisions which are not subject to normal bid process. Both force account labor and contractors cleared downed tree, limbs and debris from the electric lines while resetting and replacing broken poles needed to restore electrical service.

"The people of our great state are still trying to recover every day from the significant destruction caused by hurricanes in recent years," said Alexander. "I commend FEMA for awarding these critical funds to help this area rebuild after the damage caused by Hurricane Gustav."

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